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Legendary Bluegrass Band Seldom Scene to Play Nottoway

The Seldom Scene will play a free one-hour show at Nottoway Park in Vienna on August 15, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. This performance is part of the Fairfax County Park Authority's Summer Entertainment Series.

The Seldom Scene began as a non-touring bluegrass band in 1971 in Bethesda, MD. The basement jam sessions at the home of Ben Eldridge started the whole thing. Forty years later, this band would become one of the single largest contributors to the progression of bluegrass from the early days of Flatt and Scruggs and Bill Monroe to the more contemporary sounds that they founded. Bluegrass reached a second peak in popularity in the early 1970s, and the progressive bluegrass style played by The Seldom Scene was particularly popular. Original Seldom Scene mandolin player John Duffey's stratospheric tenor anchored the group, but the vocal blend of The Scene set a new standard that attracted new audiences to what had been a niche music genre. Their weekly shows included bluegrass versions of country music, rock, and even classical pop. The band's popularity soon forced them to play more than once a week—but they continued to maintain their image as being seldom seen, and on several of their early album covers were photographed with the stage lights on only their feet, or with their backs to the camera.

The Seldom Scene continues to excel in the bluegrass scene and has received critical acclaim for their work. Their most recent CD, *Scenechronized*, recorded in 2007, was nominated for a Grammy award.

The Seldom Scene has performed at the White House many times, and continues to tour the world, garnering the moniker: "America's Bluegrass Band". The band consists of Dudley Connell (guitar/lead and baritone vocals), Ben Eldridge (banjo and scat singing), Lou Reid (mandolin/lead and tenor vocals), Fred Travers (dobro/lead and tenor vocals), and Ronnie Simpkins (bass/baritone vocals).

Nottoway Park is located at 9537 Courthouse Road in Vienna.

The Summer Entertainment Series is presented by the Fairfax County Park Authority in partnership with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, and with generous contributions from local businesses and corporations. For weather related cancellations, call 703-324-SHOW (7469) an hour before the show. For more information on the Summer Entertainment Series, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

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